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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 1925

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR/ MX

SUBJECT: MURPHY- STEELE PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 52112; MEXICO A-63 OF FEBRUARY 20, 1973

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY ANTICIPATED ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE TONE OF STEELE- MURPHY REPORT AND THUS MADE EFFORTS TO PREPARE GOM FOR UNPLEASANT NEWS. EMBASSY' S POSITIONS RELATIVE TO CERTAIN POINTS RAISED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL ARE NOTED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RECEIPT OF REFTEL AND AWAITS RECEIPT OF FULL TEXT OF MURPHY- STEELE REPORT. TEXT OF PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO US HERE, ALONG WITH PRESS RELEASES (PARA 5).

3. CHARGE' TOLD FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA OF RELEASE OF REPORT AND GAVE HIM SOME FEEL FOR CONTENTS PERTAINING TO MEXICO. CHARGE' ALSO RAISED SUBJECT WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA WHO EXPRESSED NO SURPRISE SINCE HE FELT THAT CODEL HAD PREJUDGED MEXICAN SITUATION.

4. PRESS PLAY HAS BEEN MINIMAL THUS FAR; IF STORY IS PICKED UP LATER AND WE ARE QUESTIONED, EMBASSY WOULD
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PLAN TO ANSWER INQUIRIES BY NOTING THAT CODEL CONDUCTED
INVESTIGATION ON BEHALF OF HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.
EXECUTIVE BRANCH HAS NO CONTROL OVER CONCLUSIONS CONGRESS-
MEN MIGHT REACH. IF PRESSED FURTHER, WE WILL NOTE THAT
OUR OWN IMPRESSIONS OF SITUATION WITHIN MEXICO DO NOT
AGREE COMPLETELY WITH THAT REPORTED BY CODEL.

5. WHILE WE RECOG
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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